

REMARKS

Claims 2, 3, 5 and 6 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 2 and 3 are amended to incorporate the features of claim 1, and claims 1, 4 and 7 are canceled. No new matter is added by this Amendment.

I. Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication that claims 2, 3, 5 and 6 contain allowable subject matter, and would be allowed if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. To this end, Applicant amends claim 2 to include the features of claim 1, and amends claim 3 to include the features of claim 1. Accordingly, as acknowledged by the Patent Office, claims 2 and 3, as well as the claims depending therefrom, are in condition for allowance.

II. Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 1, 4 and 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 5,772,299 (Koo) taken with U.S. Patent No. 5,216,493 (DiBella) in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,754,321 (Srivastava). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

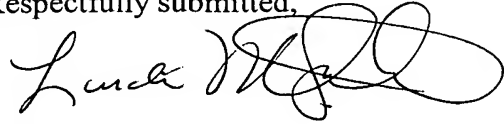
Claims 1, 4 and 7 are herein canceled. Thus, this rejection is moot.

III. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the pending claims are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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